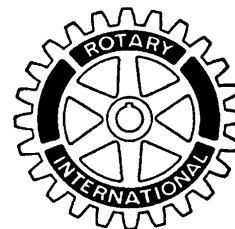


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BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2002-2003

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| Bob Fowler | Dorothy Hutchinson Gross |
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| Bill Moyer | Scott Neudecker |
| Ford Phillips | John Rain |
| Dan Saeger | Mike Seymour |
| Dave Walker | Terry Woefel |

Past President Sam Stemm

From the President ...

Congratulations to our newest members; Tuck Renshaw, Joel Copley, Tyler Schaper and Mike Harris. May you enjoy many years in Rotary. And thanks to their sponsors; Fred Renshaw, Richard Rook, Wayne Sivia and Sam Stemm.

Congratulations also to our newest officer – Sharon Johnson, Treasurer, and to our newest Board Members – Jeannine Kelly and Ford Phillips.

Thanks to Bill Moyer for coordinating our Grampa Woo cruise. Members and spouses enjoyed a scenic Mississippi River voyage to witness our brilliant fall colors, good food and better company.

Thanks also to Scott Neudecker for taking charge of the Robert Wadlow Chair project and to John Rain for the Paul Owens Park Memorial. Dedications were recently held for both these worthwhile projects. Rumor has it that Wadlow friend Gene Crivello may still be making remarks.

And thanks to Chairman Jim White and Co-Chair Bill Moyer for all their efforts on the Oblate Greenhouse Project which is nearing completion.

Our last steak fry of the year is 10/28 and Terry Woefel promises it to be an interesting one with our M-Nite. Bring a Guest. And our perennial thanks go to super-chefs Jim Towey and DJ for another year of providing us with the best steaks in Illinois.

November is Rotary Foundation Month, emphasizing Rotary's Polio Plus Program – the global eradication of polio. This is the biggest public health initiative in the history of the world, with Rotary International being the first organization to have a vision of a world without polio. Our goals are nearly accomplished, with 97% of the world certified polio-free. Bill Moyer, our Foundation Chair, reports that our Club members have contributed \$14,066.30 since July, and more continues to be collected. Our Nov 4th meeting will feature a special PolioPlus Program.

Steve Tassinari, Chair of the "Gordon Moore Service Above Self Awards

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Our Rotary Calendar



November 4 **Holiday Inn**
Regular Meeting 6:00 pm. Alton-Godfrey Rotary Foundation Program. "Children of the Dump" videotape presented. Pecans will be distributed.

November 9 Lincoln-Douglas Sq
Annual Christmas Tree Raising

November 11 **Lockhaven**
Gordon F. Moore Service Above Self Award Dinner. Cash Bar - 5:30, Dinner - 6:30, Program - 7:30

November 18 **Holiday Inn**
Board of Directors meeting, 5:00 pm. Regular Meeting 6:00 pm. Students of the Month for November will be honored. A club member will provide an update, news, and events related to their vocation.

November 25 **Holiday Inn**
Club Assembly - 2003-2004 Board and Officer Nominating committee report and election of officers for the coming year.

December 2 **St. Anthony's**
Annual Christmas gathering at St. Anthony's Health Center.

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Board Minutes for September

The September 9, 2002 meeting of directors of the Alton-Godfrey Rotary Club was called to order at 5:00 p.m., by President Ed Morrissey. Others in attendance were Mike Seymour, Tom Juravich, Sharon Johnson, Bill Moyer, Larry Hauck, John Rain, Scott Neudecker, Mike McCormick, Sam Stemm, Terry Woelfel, Larry Thompson, Dave Walker and the Executive Secretary Melissa Seymour. Others in attendance: Steve Tassinari.

On a motion by Walker, seconded by Moyer the minutes were approved. On a motion by Walker, seconded by Juravich the treasurer's report was approved.

The Executive Secretary stated that there are several members who have not paid their dues even after a second invoice. After much discussion on how to handle the status of these members a motion was made by Walker, seconded by McCormick to remove members for nonpayment. The motion was amended by Walker, seconded by Seymour to add an additional member to the list. The amended motion passed 12 aye, 2 nay. The original motion passed unanimously.

In Community Service Stemm reported that everything is set for the 911 Memorial Prayer Breakfast. To date there have been 275 tickets sold. Tassinari, for the Community Service Awards Banquet, said everything is progressing for the banquet on November 11. He did thank the Board for their commitment to the award. Neudecker, for the Wadlow Chair, said the chair is here and the concrete work almost complete. Work crews will be needed to lay the bricks and blocks.

In Vocational Service, there will be a member vocation program presented the second Monday of each month.

In Club Service, McCormick and Woelfel are asking each member for a list of potential new members and have the list brought before the Board.

In new business, McCormick reported that Holiday Inn will be raising meals to \$11.50. Correspondence from Gene Crivello suggesting that the Club go back to the tradition of giving a Rotary pen to the guest speakers was read to the Board.

In old business, the Senior Services Ramp construction project is complete.

For the Foundation, Moyer reported that \$7,851.20 has come in so far and he will have a final report at the next Board meeting.

For Fundraising, Johnson, the Fundraising Chair, announced the following as members of the committee: Dale Neudecker, Tom Wyatt, Martha Morse, and Jeannine Kelly. The committee would like to have the Christmas Concert on December 14, 2002 designated as a Club fundraiser. On a motion by Stemm, seconded by Walker the Board approved this request.

The following resignations were accepted by the Board: Pete Zimmer and Bill Lutes.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Melissa Seymour,
Executive Secretary

September Treasurer's Report

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| Previous Balance | \$10,712.26 |
| cleared payments | -\$7,334.80 |
| cleared deposits | \$9,146.94 |
| Cleared Balance | \$12,524.40 |
| uncleared payments | -\$2,041.00 |
| uncleared deposits | \$0.00 |
| Account Balance | \$10,483.40 |

The Rotary Program...continued

Anthony's Health Center.

December 3 Rock Springs Park
Celebration of Christmas

December 9 Holiday Inn
Board of Directors meeting, 5:00 pm. Regular Meeting 6:00 pm. Students of the Month for December will be honored. A club member will provide an update, news, and events related to their vocation.

December 14 Hathaway Hall
Rotarians are invited to attend the Christmas program of the Alton Symphony Orchestra. A silent auction will take place at the reception immediately following the concert.

December 16 Holiday Inn
Regular Meeting 6:00 pm. Club Christmas Party. Family night. Special guest will be Santa Claus to provide a preview of his upcoming world tour.

December 23 No Meeting
Christmas Holiday

December 30 No Meeting
New Year's Eve Holiday

January 6 Holiday Inn
Regular Meeting 6:00 pm. Program to be announced.

January 13 Holiday Inn
Board of Directors meeting, 5:00 pm. Regular Meeting 6:00 pm. Students of the Month for January will be honored. A club member will provide an update, news, and events related to their vocation.

January 20 No Meeting
Martin Luther King Day

—Dorothy Hutchinson-Gross

September Students of the Month

Christopher Lauschke, a senior at Alton High School, and **Emily Gilbreth**, a senior at Marquette Catholic High School were honored by the Alton/ Godfrey Rotary Club as the Students for the Month for the month of OCTOBER at the Club's regular meeting at the Alton Holiday Inn on OCTOBER 14.

Christopher Lauschke is the son of James and Kelli Lauschke of Alton. Chris begins his senior year at Alton High ranking third in his class of 398 students.

Lauschke has received numerous honors and awards among which include selection as a Gateway Young Achiever, being selected to the Who's Who Among American High School Students, and the National Honor Roll. He also placed first in the AMC Mathematics contest and was a recipient of the Bausch & Lomb Honorary Science Award. During the past summer he attended a special summer workshop in medicine and science sponsored by St. Louis University.

Lauschke is a member of the National Honor Society and serves as the organization's Vice President. During the past spring he was selected as the Prom King. He is also President of the French Club and a member of Celebrations. He has served on the student Pride committee for the past three years.



From the President ... continued

Banquet", and his committee, believes the event to be held 11/11 at Lockhaven will be nearly sold out. Last minute reservations are still being taken.

Sharon Johnson and Bill Moyer announced that pecans would soon be arriving.

A slate of new officers and board members will be elected at our 11/25 Club Assembly. See Mike McCormick if interested. We will welcome 1 officer and 5 board members.

HAPPY THANKSGIVING
—Ed Morrissey

He has been involved in numerous high school clubs and has been an active participant in a number of community service activities. After graduation he plans to attend college and major in pre-medicine.

Emily Gilbreth is the daughter of Tim and Mary Gibreth of Godfrey. She has been a student leader at Marquette serving as a Student Council Representative for her class all four years, serving as Student Council Secretary during her senior year. She has been a member of the National Honor Society for the past two years and has also been a member of Alpha and a Dare role model. She has been an active participant in World Youth in Science and Engineering and has served as a Marquette Ambassador for four years. She has also been a member of the school's girl's volleyball team for four years and participated in softball her freshman year. She also assisted in coaching the St. Ambrose volleyball team her junior year and was recently selected as the homecoming queen at Marquette's homecoming festivities. Gilbreth has served as an after school tutor at Eunice Smith school.

Ed Morrissey, President of the Rotary Club, presented each of the students with a plaque recognizing their selection to this honor.
—Tom Juravich

2004-2005 Rotary International Centennial Year

The world's first service club, the Rotary Club of Chicago, Illinois, USA, was formed on 23 February 1905 by Paul P. Harris, an attorney who wished to recapture in a professional club the same friendly spirit he had felt in the small towns of his youth.

Planning for our club's participation in this centennial year begins now. A timeline will be distributed at the next club assembly and discussion will be held to plan a centennial year club project for our community. Keeping in mind the comments of SOA Dick Jones at the steak fry, we should focus on a club project which will involve nearly everyone in our club working together to create something which the Alton-Godfrey Rotary deserves to call our centennial project. As you drive around our community, look for something where 100 volunteers can devote their time and talent.

—Larry Thompson, 2004-2005 President